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House Bill 16-1259

Sponsors

*Representatives Mitsch Bush
and Wilson
Senators Cooke and Donovan*

Short Title

*Changes To Local District
College Statutes*

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which became effective on April 21, 2016.

Summary

This bill changes the name of junior colleges to local district colleges; specifies the procedures a local district college board of trustees must use to take action without holding a meeting; allows a local district college board to increase its number of members and specifies it must be either five, seven, nine, or eleven members; and allows a school district or group of school districts located within the boundaries of a local district college's service area to petition for annexation into the local college district.

Background

Colorado currently has two local district junior colleges, Aims Community College and Colorado Mountain College (CMC). These institutions are governed by their own boards and each has a defined taxing district which provides funding. Both institutions are allowed to offer baccalaureate degrees in addition to associate degrees and certificates.

House Action

House Education Committee (March 14, 2016). At the hearing, representatives of Colorado Mountain College and the Colorado Press Association spoke in support of the bill. The committee

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passed amendment L.002, which allowed boards of trustees to increase their size and made other technical changes relating to board operations. The committee referred the bill, as amended to the House Committee of the Whole.

House second reading (March 16, 2016). The House Committee of the Whole adopted the Education Committee report and passed the bill with no further amendments.

House third reading (March 17, 2016). The House passed the bill with no amendments.

Senate Action

Senate Education Committee (March 24, 2016). At the hearing, representatives of Colorado Mountain College and Aims Community College testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

Senate second reading (March 29, 2016). The Senate Committee of the Whole passed the bill with no amendments.

Senate third reading (March 30, 2016). The Senate passed the bill with no amendments.